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McDaniel House (Doctors Baines & Dawkins Office)

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McDaniel House
147 North Aurora Street
Easton, Maryland 21601

T-294
c1890

The McDaniel House is one of Easton's towered Victorian dwellings; of frame, it is shingled on the upper floor and has applied "Stick Style" wooden decoration in the gables. A one story porch runs across the front and side to an octagonal bay. The roof is hipped with dormers.

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Town of Easton

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

McDaniel House

AND/OR COMMON

Doctors Baines and Dawkins Office

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

14 North Aurora Street

CITY, TOWN

Easton

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

FIRST

STATE

Maryland 21601

COUNTY

Talbot

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

___DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

___STRUCTURE

___SITE

___OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

___PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

___BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

___IN PROCESS

___BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

___UNOCCUPIED

___WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED

___YES: UNRESTRICTED

___NO

PRESENT USE

___AGRICULTURE

___COMMERCIAL

___EDUCATIONAL

___ENTERTAINMENT

___GOVERNMENT

___INDUSTRIAL

___MILITARY

___MUSEUM

___PARK

___PRIVATE RESIDENCE

___RELIGIOUS

___SCIENTIFIC

___TRANSPORTATION

☒ OTHER: Medical Office

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Dr. Albert T. Dawkins, Jr.

Dr. Callum R. Baine

Telephone #:

301-822-2041

STREET & NUMBER

14 North Aurora Street

CITY, TOWN

Easton

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21601

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Talbot County Court House

STREET & NUMBER

Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Easton

STATE

Maryland 21601

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

___FEDERAL ___STATE ___COUNTY ___LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Now occupied by doctor's offices, this large late nineteenth century dwelling stands on the east side of Aurora Street in the two blocks once called "Silk Stocking Row".

The structure is of frame, two-and-a-half stories in height. There is an octagonal tower at the southwest corner. A one story porch runs across the front and on the south side to a projecting octagonal bay window. The roof is hipped with dormers.

In plan this building is nearly square; variation is provided by the projecting bays and tower and by the irregular roof line. In the organization of the interior rooms it resembled Nine North Aurora (T-441) except that this stair is in the front rather than the rear of the building.

The window openings are irregularly spaced to reflect the position of the rooms within. Windows on the upper floors have small panes bordering the upper sash. The main entrance is reached by walking across the porch parallel to the street and into the side of the central hall. The stair is opposite the main entrance. (On the lower floors the windows have one over one sash.)

There are two major projecting elements; on the front (west) facade there is a pavillion which is rectangular in plan with a pedimented gable at the third floor.* On the south facade, the bay is octagonal with a jerkin roofed gable above. The ell in the back of the building has a roof which slopes toward the rear.

Between the pavillion on the west facade and the tower is a second floor balcony. Above this is a gable dormer with a semicircular window and ornamental window trim.

As are many buildings of this period the composition of the McDaniel House shows a strong interplay between the horizontal and vertical elements: the low horizontal line of the porch roof is pierced by the strong vertical of the tower; the projecting bays with their pediments or dormers provides a tall, vertical form which counters the horizontal mass of the building.

Characteristic also of this period in architecture is the treatment of the exterior of the building to provide texture and richness. Here notched shingles cover the upper floor with German ship lap below.

* In this gable is found a type of applied ornament associated with the so-called "Stick Style".

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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

c.1890

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The McDaniel House is one of Easton's Extravagant towered Victorian dwellings which were constructed in the 1890's. Architecturally these buildings were designed with a concern for volumetric expression, assymetrically balanced compositions, and delicately articulated exteriors. This building displays all of these elements, although it is not as sophisticated or integrated in its design as Nine North Aurora (T-243) or the Chaffinch House, 132 South Harrison Street (T-34), two of Easton's superb Victorian period dwellings.

L40/F302

L78/F103

L103/F386

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L254/F362

L255/F412

This house is very interesting from an historical point of view. In 1851, Thomas Robson bought the land from Jacob Willson for \$450.00. Robson was propietor of the Union Hotel and the editor of the "Eastern Star", one of the two leading newspapers of the town. Mr. Robson seems to have not paid for the property, but he did build a house where he lived until 1863. By this time, because of his sympathies to the Confederate cause, he was hopelessly in debt and turned over all his assets, real and personal, to Charles Robinson, to be sold. Robinson, trustee for Robson, and Turpin Wright, executor for Jacob Willson, sold the premises, with a clear title, for \$2900.00 to Augusta Foreman. By her will, the property was devised, in 1866, to her daughter Augusta, the wife of Robert Lloyd Tilghman. In 1872, the Tilghmans sold their home for \$3000.00 to The Rev. Henry Lay, the first Bishop of Easton. For the next fourteen years. This was owned by Rev. Lay and his wife as their home. In 1886, Bishop Lay's widow, Eliza, sold the property to May R. Price and Susan W. Barton. They paid \$2100.00 for it. Obviously, these two ladies made improvements and additions because they realized \$8000.00 for its sale in 1893 to Charles C. Nickerson. It remained in the Nickerson family for nearly thirty years, when J. Duke Wooters and his wife Irene bought it for \$8500.00 and sold it in 1923 to John S. McDaniel and his wife Florence.

This place is often referred to as the McDaniel house by "old-timers" though it was occupied only nine years by this family. They took out a large mortgage and were unable to make the payments. Ennals and Laura Tull made it their home for the next ten years when it was purchased by Anne Hyde Ingrham. She was notable as being the widow of Prentiss Ingraham,

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L391/F238
1963
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1967
F451/F355
1971

the author of the local history, "The Land of Legendary Lore."
It has passed through intermittent hands and is presently owned
by Drs. Albert T. Dawkins, Jr., and Callum R. Bain. The lower
floor has been converted to the Doctors offices. The upper
floors to apartments.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Deeds and Land Records, Talbot County Court House.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY NA

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

NA

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

None

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Marsha L. Fritz, Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Historic Easton, Incorporated

DATE

November 23, 1976

STREET & NUMBER

Box 1171TELEPHONE Mr. Paul Parsons,
301-822-2706 President

CITY OR TOWN

Easton

STATE

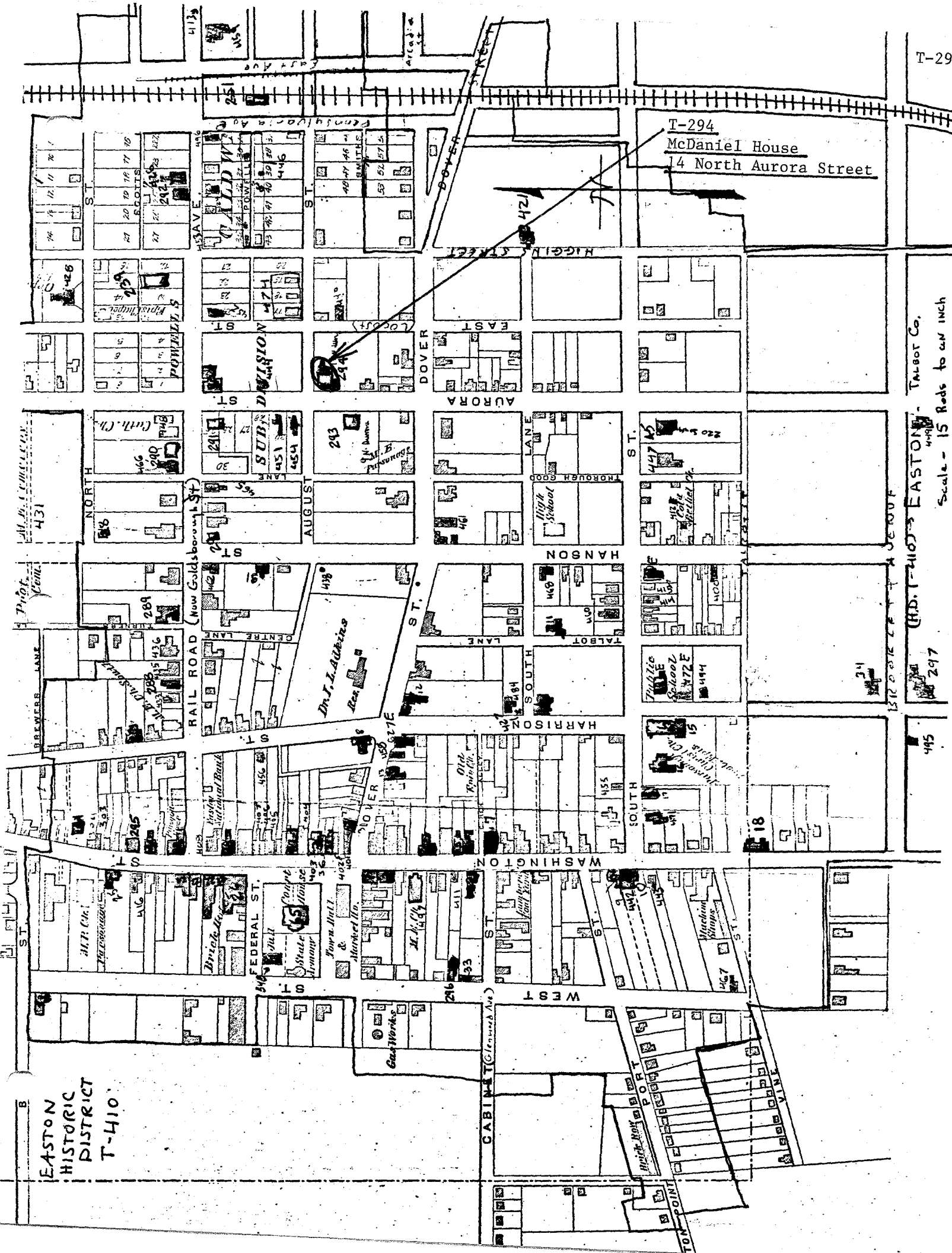
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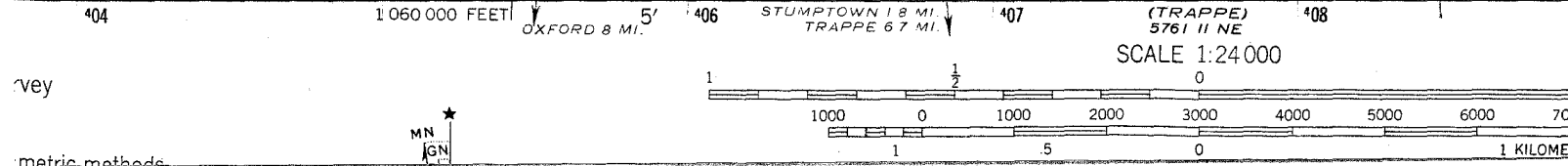
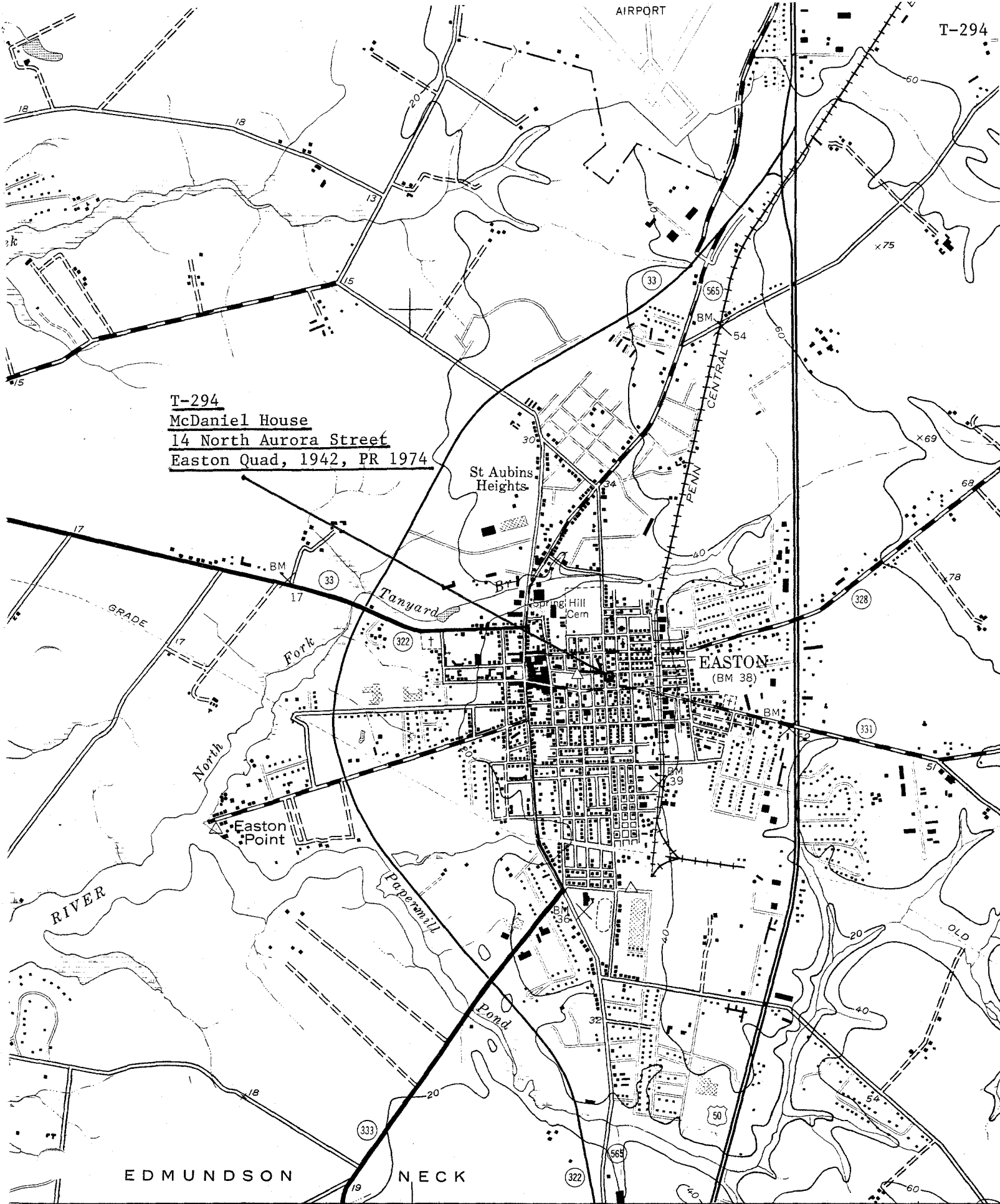
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McDaniel House
14 North Aurora Street
Easton Quad, 1942, PR 1974





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MCDANIEL'S HOUSE
14. N. AURORA
EASTON, MD

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EASTON, MARYLAND 21601

